

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement honoring Cesar Chavez Day, which is celebrated each year on March 31:

“Today, California honors the life and work of Cesar Chavez, a Hispanic-American civil rights advocate and labor organizer who helped improve the lives of countless migrant farm workers. For more than three decades, Chavez fought for fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and other basic benefits that workers today take for granted. His leadership was instrumental in the passage of the groundbreaking 1975 California Agriculture Labor Relations Act, which protects farm workers’ right to unionize and remains the only law of its kind nationwide.

“Chavez dedicated his life to creating a just, fair society for America’s agricultural workers. But he was also committed to community service, something that we can and should incorporate into our daily lives. In Congress, I have been working hard to ensure all Americans have the opportunity to give back to their community. I was particularly proud to support the Serve America Act, which creates new incentives for men, women, and children of all ages to participate in volunteer community service.

“Cesar Chavez was living proof of the positive impact of activism in our communities. I hope people from across the country will take time to learn about this remarkable man and his legacy.”

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